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Subpart A—General

§240.1 Purpose and scope.

- (a) The purpose of this part is to ensure that only qualified persons operate a locomotive or train.
- (b) This part prescribes minimum Federal safety requirements for the eligibility, training, testing, certification, and monitoring of all locomotive engineers. This part does not

restrict a railroad from implementing additional or more stringent requirements for its locomotive engineers that are not inconsistent with this part.

(c) The qualifications for locomotive engineers prescribed in this part are pertinent to any person who operates a locomotive, unless that person is specifically excluded by a provision of this part, regardless of the fact that a person may have a job classification title other than that of locomotive engineer.

§240.3 Applicability.

- (a) This part applies to all railroads that operate locomotives on standard gage track that is part of the general railroad system of transportation.
 - (b) This part does not apply to:
- (1) Rapid transit operations in an urban area that are not connected with the general system of transportation; and
- (2) A railroad that operates only on track inside an installation which is not part of the general railroad system of transportation.

§240.5 Construction.

- (a) By issuance of these regulations, FRA intends to preempt any State law, rule, regulation, order, or standard covering the same subject matter in accordance with the provisions of section 205 of the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 (45 U.S.C. 434).
- (b) FRA does not intend by issuance of these regulations to preempt any provisions of State criminal law that impose sanctions for reckless conduct that leads to actual loss of life, injury, or damage to property, whether such provisions apply specifically to railroad employees or generally to the public at large.
- (c) FRA does not intend, by use of the term *locomotive engineer* in this part, to preempt or otherwise alter the terms, conditions, or interpretation of existing collective bargaining agreements that employ other job classification titles when identifying persons authorized by a railroad to operate a locomotive.
- (d) FRA does not intend by issuance of these regulations to preempt or otherwise alter the authority of a railroad to initiate disciplinary sanctions